

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kazuyoshi Oshima et al.

Application No.: 10/551,623

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For: OPENING/CLOSING APPARATUS FOR
EQUIPMENT CASE AND TWO-AXIS HINGE
APPARATUS THEREOF

Examiner: Mah, Chuck Y

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species II (Figures 17A-35) as identified by the Examiner without traverse. Pursuant to the election, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-4 and 6-15 read upon at least Species II.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-4, 14, and 15 are generic to both Species, I and II, identified by the Examiner. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 12088/037001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: October 23, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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